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MELLOR BOOSTS FARM TOPICS

Secretary of Agricultural Board Suggests New Curriculum.

WOULD ABANDON OLD THEMES

Thinks Farm Subjects Should Be Taught in Schools—Hayward Asked to Deliver Speech.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—W. R. Mellor, secretary to the State Board of Agriculture, has an idea that people are moving from the farms into the cities because of the lack of agricultural education taught in the schools.

Mr. Mellor got an opportunity to present his ideas to a number of school people and others, making up an audience of 90 at Hebron last night. Along these lines he said:

"One of the best incentives for improved agriculture in Nebraska would be to turn from dead poets, dead generals, dead kings and 'Beyond the Alps Lies Italy,' subjects and impress the minds of the school teacher the advisability of having the pupils prepare essays on 'Weeds That Grow in Thayer County' and the Best Method of Destroying Them,' 'Root Crops, Their Selection and Uses,' 'What Vegetables Should Be Grown in Nebraska,' 'Description of Grain Grown on Our Farm,' 'How to Tell Different Kinds of Fruit Trees,' 'What Varieties of Apples we Grow,' 'With Description,' 'Why the Kind of Poultry Raised on Our Farm Is the Best,' 'Is the Dairy Cow or the Beef Bred Type the Best for This Section of Nebraska?' 'The Kind of a Farm Horse we Should Have.' To these subjects might be added a thousand others touching seeds, preparation of the seed-bed, planting, cultivation, conservation of moisture, soil fertility, gathering and storing the crops and numerous other farm subjects. Let the school teacher at specific intervals. Learn to distinguish breeds of horses, how to tell a Shorthorn cattle from Red Polled, Aberdeen-Angus from Galloway, a Poland-China hog from a Berkshire, a Hampshire sheep from an Oxford and so on through the numerous vital matters of importance with which the farmers of Thayer county should be thoroughly conversant.

"It is strange that a child grown in an agricultural community such as is found all through this part of Nebraska, knows so little about the very things which are matters of every day contact.

Hayward to Speak.
William Hayward, secretary of the republican national committee and chairman of the republican state committee, has been invited to deliver a lecture on Abraham Lincoln at the Peru Normal school next Saturday night. On behalf of the normal school Jasper L. McElrath, head of the extension work of the state university, extended the invitation to Colonel Hayward today.

Pool for Secretary of State.
The report has reached Lincoln that C. W. Pool, speaker of the late bunch of democratic hunters, is going to be a candidate for the democratic nomination for secretary of state. Mr. Pool was in Lincoln in conference with Governor Shallenberger several days ago and at that time he was talking of running for United States senator, but the report received today indicated that the speaker would be satisfied temporarily to be merely secretary of state. Still hoping for an extra session of the legislature, it is the guess that the speaker will be off with his old job while chasing after the new.

Stricter to Be Captains.
Martin Eriester of Seward has been recommended to Adjutant General Hartman for a commission as captain of cadets at the state university and the commission will be delivered to him at the mid-winter commencement February 15.

Sample of Convict Goods.
Warden Smith brought to the state house today a shirt and pair of trousers as samples of the work being done by the convicts in the state penitentiary under the new contract which Governor Shallenberger was induced to sign by Colonel Berryman of Omaha. Governor Shallenberger's signature was attached to this last contract after he had refused to sign a contract permitting the manufacture of clothes in the prison because of his love of free labor.

The samples Mr. Smith brought to the state house were small, but according to his idea they showed the convicts were apt pupils in learning the tailoring business. Incidentally, Mr. Smith is rather short on convicts at this time and every able-bodied convict in the institution is being worked the limit. One day this week he was compelled to use the walters and cools to load a car of brooms and unload some broom corn.

Opposition for Kinkaid.
Frank E. Beaman of Kearney has filed his name with the secretary of state as a candidate for the republican nomination for congress in the Sixth congressional district. Mr. Beaman is an attorney and has frequently been mentioned as a prospective candidate for congress.

Dick Shute Bound Over.
BROKEN BOW, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Dick Shute, charged with horse stealing, who was brought from Des Moines this week by Sheriff Kennedy, was taken before County Judge Holcomb yesterday

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for preliminary hearing. He pleaded not guilty and was bound over to the district court. He was taken to Grand Island last night. If Shute should change his plea his case will probably be heard with that of Day this coming week before Judge Hostetter. There has been no district court this week, as Judge Hostetter adjourned until the county supervisors could meet and officially designate a place to hold court.

FUNERAL OF REV. J. T. BAIRD

Plattsmouth Reverend Memory of Departed Presbyterian Minister.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The funeral services of the late Rev. John T. Baird, D. D., L. L. D., were held in the First Presbyterian church in this city yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Cannon H. B. Burgess and Rev. James H. Salisbury, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Auburn, together with Rev. T. L. Sexton, D. of Lincoln, officiated. Rev. Mr. Sexton, the oldest minister in the Presbytery in Nebraska, who has been synodical missionary for years and succeeded Dr. Baird as stated clerk of the synod of Nebraska, took for his text these words, "But Truly, as the Lord Liveth, and as Thy Soul Liveth, There is a Step Between Me and Death." Dr. Phelps of the Bellevue college made the closing prayer. Rev. Mr. Salisbury then spoke very feelingly of the fatherly care Dr. Baird had shown him during his pastorate in this city, after Dr. Baird had served the church as pastor for more than twenty years.

The pastors of the other churches were present in the pulpit. The pallbearers were Judge W. H. Newell, John Waterman, J. N. Wise, Thomas Pollock, A. M. Holmes and J. W. Larkin.

The stores and offices in this city were all closed from 2 to 4 o'clock in honor of the dead minister and his family.

Otoe County Weddings.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Thursday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jacob Schreiner, occurred the marriage of her daughter, Miss Emma, to H. B. Swalley. The ceremony was performed in the presence of only the immediate members of the two families and the happy couple left for California, where they will spend the next two months. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Swalley and is engaged in the automobile business here. He is quite wealthy. The bride is highly educated and one of the leading young women of the city and owns a number of farms which were left her by her father.

Leonard Hannan, one of the leading young farmers of South Branch precinct, was united in marriage last evening to Miss Caroline Mittendorf, one of the most popular young women of that section. The marriage was celebrated by an elaborate wedding and a large number of guests were present. The couple went to California to spend their honeymoon.

Herbert Waters, one of Oaage precinct's farmers, was united in marriage last evening to Miss Lena Ganninger, daughter of one of the oldest families of that section. There were a large number of guests present and the event was appropriately celebrated. They will make their home on a farm owned by the groom.

J. H. Honrath and Miss Maud McNeal were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents near Palmyra this morning. They will make their home in Lincoln.

Beat Up the Gas Man.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—William Davis, who conducts a restaurant here, was taken before Police Judge Shinn yesterday and fined for an assault on Rolly Towley, foreman of the local gas plant. Davis, who is alleged, had been drinking, was in his place of business when Towley went in to read the meter and collect the gas bill. According to the testimony, Davis used hard language and refused to pay, whereupon Towley removed the meter. This so incensed Davis that he followed the foreman and choked him almost into insensibility, also badly lacerating his throat. He then picked up a hammer, it is said, and under threat of smashing his head, forced Towley to replace the meter. Later on a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Davis.

Nebraska News Notes.

HUMBOLDT—Miss Lora Mool and Mr. Joseph Tichen were married at an early hour Tuesday in the Dawson Catholic church by Father Loughran.

HARVARD—Work on the electric lighting plant is being pushed by the holder of franchise, Mr. Shaw, who is here personally supervising the work.

HUMBOLDT—Earl Byers, a former Humboldt boy, was married this week to Miss Lora Mool, a local girl, at the home of the bride's parents near Palmyra.

HUMBOLDT—Charles Mann and Miss Helen Allen, the latter a teacher of this county, were married Friday night by Rev. Cardy of the Presbyterian church.

HARVARD—At his home in this city last evening, L. W. Handy, who took the homestead in 1874 northeast of Harvard, died. He was for many years a resident of this city.

CRD—As the result of a scarlet fever epidemic at Oshkosh, the schools at that place are closed and Prof. Archie Combs is spending a vacation with his friends in this city.

AUBURN—Harry Allison and George Nickerson, the men charged with breaking into Young & Kinkler's store, were brought here yesterday from Nebraska City and pleaded not guilty.

AUBURN—W. P. Freeman, postmaster here, has been appointed census examiner for census enumerators. His appointment covers this county. There are over thirty applicants for the positions.

ORD—A. Ward, one of the early settlers in these parts, tripped over a wire yesterday

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day, breaking two ribs and severely injuring himself. Considering his age, being over 80 years old, his case is quite serious.

NEBRASKA CITY—The local churches are to join and hold union services during Lent. It is hoped that the members of the churches of this city and was brought about by the members of the Ministerial association.

GRAND ISLAND—John F. Ansett of Ansett & Poore, owners of a livery and feed stable, was severely kicked in the head, resulting in concussion of the brain, by a frightened horse and is at the St. Francis hospital.

HUMBOLDT—Miss Estella Elliott of Auburn and Mr. Theodore Mathews, a young farmer from near Howe, were united in marriage Wednesday evening by Rev. J. H. Asling at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Charles Thornton.

NEBRASKA CITY—L. J. Hun, janitor at the high school, was struck by paralysis Thursday evening while doing his work and it is feared he cannot recover. Ralph A. Hibel and another man were yesterday while working about home.

NEBRASKA CITY—Thursday evening the Eagles of this city will pull off boxing match between William Benson of Butte, Mont., and Leonard Goldey, an Englishman, who recently arrived here from London. A large purse has been hung up for the winner.

HUMBOLDT—Friends here were advised this week of the sudden death of Mrs. Joseph Gafford, wife of the state accountant of Kansas. She contracted pneumonia by catching a cold while visiting in her home while assisting a mother and babe to a place of safety.

ORD—Great was the excitement at the meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge, when it was announced that the mortgage on its property had been paid in full. The lodge is now free from debt. The lodge intends erecting a fine hall on the southeast corner of the square.

HARVARD—Milk has been selling from the milkwagon this winter at 10 cents a quart, and eggs as high as 30 cents per dozen, but the hens have come to the rescue and eggs were 25 cents yesterday. Butter was 25 cents to 30 cents per pound from the most of the winter, and has \$12 to \$15 per ton.

NEBRASKA CITY—The body of Charles B. Leidlitz, who was killed by a freight train at Los Angeles, Cal., and the funeral was held this afternoon from the Presbyterian church. The funeral was held in the city, being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moran, Bud Kearns and Charles Tompkins, Jr.

HUMBOLDT—Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock one of the most brilliant weddings of the season was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moran. Their only daughter, Miss Lulu, was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur Johnson of Omaha. They will reside in Montpelier, Utah, where Mr. Johnson is interested in a big mining concern.

NEBRASKA CITY—The funeral of George Stok took place here this afternoon. He was 50 years of age and has been a resident of this city since 1885. He was a member of the civil war in the Fifth Missouri cavalry. He came here and has since been in the business of the city and father. He was born in Germany and came to this country when quite young.

AUBURN—The funeral of the late Mrs. J. H. Honrath was held this morning at 10 o'clock. She was 70 years of age and was a member of the church. The funeral was held at the home of the deceased.

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DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Industrial and Mercantile Conditions on Whole Are Satisfactory.

MANY IRREGULARITIES NOTED

Failure of Several Large Brokerages Houses Brings Totals of Liabilities to High Figure.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade today says: Industrial and mercantile conditions, though irregular, on the whole are very satisfactory, with promising spring outlook. The event of the week has been the great weakness in securities. The failure record has been greatly expanded in amount, and the record seems worse than it really is because of its big total of liabilities is due to a number of large defaults, chiefly by brokerage firms. The record, nevertheless, has a depressing effect. It is difficult, however, to judge of the real state of affairs in the volume of trade, although it is undoubtedly true that there is less of the tremendous push of two or three months ago. While there has been no return to the remarkable activity of a few months ago, current consumption of iron and steel continues in heavy volume and all leading producers are slightly engaged in fulfilling contracts in their books. There has been some slackening of demand in a few finished lines, as consumers have advanced last to the rise in prices of materials are numerous, and worsted during the last month, but the record seems worse than it really is because of its big total of liabilities is due to a number of large defaults, chiefly by brokerage firms. The record, nevertheless, has a depressing effect. It is difficult, however, to judge of the real state of affairs in the volume of trade, although it is undoubtedly true that there is less of the tremendous push of two or three months ago. While there has been no return to the remarkable activity of a few months ago, current consumption of iron and steel continues in heavy volume and all leading producers are slightly engaged in fulfilling contracts in their books. 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